President.—Which is the section of the Regulation you rely on ?

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Section 16 of the Regulation (VIII of 1098).

President.—We have made rules about non-votable and votable items.

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON (*Mulakunnattukavu*).

They explain only what is votable and what is non-votable, and that has been my impression all along.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

The proposals for appropriation of revenues.

President.—What does appropriation mean? You appropriate the whole thing that is spent.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

I leave it to the President to rule it.

President.—In my capacity as Diwan, I rule it to be non-votable. They are to take Rs. 75,000 and the Government to give Rs. 25,000.

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

Who will be responsible for this loan?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON (*Chief Engineer*).

The rules have not been framed.

President.—It is recoverable.

The whole demand under P. W. D. was passed.

President.—Then we pass on to Demand No. XXIX.

Demand XXIX—Scientific, etc., Department.—Rs. ·99 lakh.

Mr. A. K. VENGU AYYAR (*Secretary to the Diwan*).

Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 95,920 under Demand XXIX. There are few items which require explanation.

The following motions were not moved, the members, when called upon, being absent :—

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Motion Nos. 93 and 94.

Mr. S. F. NUNEZ (*Anglo-Indians*).

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,854 for the Museum by Rs. 400.

Mr. A. SANKARA PUDUVAL (*Trichur*).

To omit the allotment of Rs. 7,000 for Stoneware Factory.

Motion No. 95.

The cuts were deemed to have been withdrawn.

President.—Now I call upon Mr. Ouseph to move his motion.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 99,700 under Scientific, etc., Department by Rs. 9,700.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Sir, we come to the last motion, and that is about the Industrial Department This is a department which is not to carry us to the millennium. But, in the Financial Statement placed before the House by the Hon'ble Finance Member, who himself was for a long time the Head of this Department, he makes the following statement:—"The Industries Department in this State has not yet passed the experimental stage, and the several experiments so far made have not met with any great success. It is, therefore, considered safer to have the matter thoroughly investigated, before any large provision is made for any new schemes".

Sir, during the budget discussions we had to make mention of many such experiments undertaken by the State with serious consequences. Though the Finance Member strikes a different note only about the Industries Department, I regard the whole Scientific, etc., Department, as it is run now, as a mere experiment. In the details, we find Ethnography, Museum, Industries Department and Archaeology. Museums and Archaeological undertakings should be left to States with plenty of money behind them. Cochin is a poor State. Again and again the Hon'ble Members tried to impress this fact upon the Government.

President.—Then, we should have it on a small scale.

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Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

I respectfully disagree from that view. Of course, a rich State can maintain several departments. But a poor State cannot afford to keep up the number. They would not also serve any purpose. The Museum is now in charge of a Curator, whose qualification is fitness for the work. I suggested that the Veterinary Department may be put in charge of it. We can easily save Rs. 1,000. Then, with regard to Potteries, we do not know where we stand. The Pottery has become another white-elephant. I find much money has not been set apart this year for the Potteries. I am very glad to hear that the Government is considering how to dispose of it with the least loss. We should somehow or other get out of it, and in disposing of it, Government should first consider the claims of Cochinites. There are people who may be willing to take it up, say on lease, Cochinites as well as foreigners. When the occasion comes, the claims of genuine Cochinites should be considered first. I pray that not a pie may be spent on it again.

With regard to the Trades School, I had sent up a question to elicit information regarding the curriculum and syllabus of studies that were being followed in the Trades School. I understand, Sir, that they did not follow any curriculum or syllabus in that school for a long time. If these are not enforced or followed, how can we train up students? The Trades School stands in need of considerable improvements. The general impression is that it has not been of much use till now. With these words, I move the motion.

Mr. GEORGE CHAKYAMURI (*Palliivirutti*).

Sir, may I know whether, under the head Archaeology Rs. 810 is entered? I would like to know how it is spent.

Mr. A. K. VENGU AYYAR (*Secretary to the Diwan*).

We give an allowance of Rs. 20 and T. A. to Mr. Rama Pisharoti at Trippunittura.

Mr M K. RAMAN (*Ezhuva South*).

Sir, I rise not to support the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi. Although I had the pleasure of supporting many of the propositions brought forward by him, I am very sorry I have now to disagree with him on

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very vital points. In the Hon'ble Member's opinion, the existence of a Museum here is a superfluity.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

I did not say that.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN (*Ezhuva South*).

No. He said only that no money should be spent for the Museum. I want to submit to this House that a museum is an absolute necessity in the State. I would even say that in every household we should have a museum. (*Hear, hear.*) Probably, we do not know what amount of knowledge we can derive from museums or institutions of that sort. I have already pointed out to this House, in my general discussion about the budget, that Cochin is the most suitable place for many scientific institutions. In fact, we have a museum here only on a very small scale, only a miniature museum. If only we try, we can have here a much better museum than the one we have at Madras. I know it, because I have myself undergone a bit of training in that line. They have in Madras an aquarium, which, I understand, is a paying concern now. In these back-waters of ours, we can find, if only we know how to look for them, some of the most beautiful specimens of fishes, jelly fishes and other aquatic animals. At a small cost we can have an exceedingly fine aquarium at Ernakulam. I am not going to ask the Government to waste money on nothing. We have only to catch the common specimens we have in this back-water and the neighbouring sea and harbour them in an aquarium. We need not spend much money for specimens. Our fishermen will get you any number of wonderful specimens, almost for nothing, for which scientists in other places will be prepared to give any large sum. We may have to spend a few thousands of rupees at the outset for the construction of an aquarium. But, in the long run, it will be a paying concern. Visitors can be charged at the rate of one anna or half anna, as they do in Madras now. I do not remember what the amount is in Madras at present. I am sure that the Hn'ble Member for Education will agree with me that a museum is a place highly necessary for the student population for object lessons, &c. Without a museum, our Education Department will not be complete. But I agree with the Hon'ble Member for Chalak-

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kudi, when he said that it should be placed in the hands of an efficient person. Of course, it will not be of any use, if the museum is put under one who is not acquainted with that particular science.

President.—Have you got any objection to the present management of the Museum?

Mr. M. K. RAMAN (*Ezhuva South*).

I am not sufficiently acquainted with it to know whether there are any defects in the management. While I had been there some time back, I found the names of certain specimens wrongly labelled. But, in naming, sometimes even experts may go wrong. From that alone, it will be improper to conclude that the present incumbent is inefficient. But, certainly, it would be better to put a man who has a training in this branch of knowledge.

I would, however, request this House not to abolish an institution of that sort, under the impression that it is a frivolous amusement and vanity. In fact, a great deal of knowledge can be had from them to the student population, especially, when we have a Biology section here, in the College classes. So I submit that a museum is absolutely necessary.

I will strongly request the Government to have also an aquarium in the State, because it would not be a losing concern; it will be a paying one in the long run. We will have to spend only a few thousands of rupees. Ethnography, Museum, Archaeology, these departments are not mere wastes, even if we spend some money upon them. Encouragement should be given to acquire that kind of scientific knowledge. As I said, it may be necessary that these departments should be maintained by hands more efficient than the present incumbents.

President.—Even at an extra cost?

Mr. M. K. RAMAN (*Ezhuva South*).

Yes Sir, if necessary, even at an extra cost. But now, coming to the Potteries, it is not, in my opinion, a department of the nature that I was speaking of till now. It has swallowed much of our money, and it should be stopped now at any cost. It will be very

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unwise to spend any more money on it. With these words, I express my dissent from the Hon'ble Member's proposal.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

I differ. But anyhow, that is a small matter. I beg to withdraw my motion.

The motion was withdrawn, and the grant was made.

President.

We have now reached the end of the Budget Session and, in proroguing the Council, I do not wish to detain you with any lengthy remarks. I had no occasion hitherto to respond to the feelings of gratitude, loyalty, attachment and devotion to His Highness the Maharaja, given expression to by a good number of non-official members in their speeches. It will be my humble duty and great privilege to convey all such expressions to His Highness the Maharaja in due time. My warm thanks are due to the Members of the House who made kind reference to me personally.

In spite of the lack of experience on the part of many of us in the transaction of business in the Legislative Council, I feel bound to say that there was an honest endeavour to do our best, and the result must be acknowledged to be satisfactory all round. Speaking for myself, I feel very confident about the future of our Council. Let me express my hearty appreciation of the excellent manner in which the members of the House, both non-official and official, played their noble part during this session. In conclusion, I heartily thank one and all of you for your loyally standing by me throughout the sitting, and giving me every possible help in the discharge of my onerous duty as President of this Council, composed as it is of the worthy and trusted representatives of the people and of the loyal and devoted officers of the Government.

I now prorogue the Council.

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON (*Mulakunnattukavu*).

Sir, on behalf of the non-official members of this Council, who will not, I am sure, grudge me the honour of being their spokesman on this occasion, I

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beg leave to express my warm appreciation of, and my grateful thanks for, the scrupulous fairness and the admirable temper that have uniformly characterised your conduct in the Chair throughout the protracted session, which has now drawn to a close (*Hear, hear.*) If, notwithstanding our inexperience of the kind of work in which we have been engaged for the last fortnight, the proceedings of this, the first session of the Council after its formal inauguration, have passed off well and smoothly, as you assure us that they have, it was in no small degree due to your sympathetic and tactful guidance and management. (*Hear, hear.*) I shall be doing an injustice to the Hon'ble Members on the other side, I mean the Official Members of this Council, if I fail on this occasion gladly and thankfully to acknowledge the genuine spirit of co-operation, goodwill and *comraderie* that one and all of them have uniformally shown under circumstances to which they have hitherto been unaccustomed. (*Hear, hear, and laughter.*) And lastly, I venture to hope that we, on this side of the House, have conducted ourselves with propriety and with a due sense of our duty to our sovereign as well as to our constituents. If, at any time, we have been guilty of any act of omission or commission—and I hope that we have not been—I can assure you, Sir, that it was due to inadvertence and not to deliberate intent. (*Cheers.*)

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

In token of our loyalty to His Highness the Maharaja, may I propose three cheers to His Highness on behalf of the Council.

Three hearty cheers were given to His Highness the Maharaja.

The Session closed at 4-45 p. m.

T. K. KRISHNA MENON,
Legislative Council Secretary.

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